GOODS IMPORTED INTO IRELAND.

Copy of the MEMORIAL of *Thomas Williams* to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury; complaining of their Order of the 4th of November 1823, concerning the Entries of Goods imported from Great Britain into Ireland.

To the Right honourable the Lords of the Treasury.

The MEMORIAL of *Thomas Williams*.

THAT a Treasury Warrant issued on the 4th of last November; when Your Lordships were pleased to direct, that Goods of a sort the like of which is prohibited to be imported into either country from foreign parts, shall be subject to an Entry, such Goods having been, previously to said Warrant, passed at the Custom House without entry, unless subject to duty: That, in consequence, Corn is now subjected to entry, though by the 46 Geo. 3, c. 97, Corn was placed entirely under Coast regulations, and therefore, not subject to entry; and that the consequence of Your Lordship's warrant has been virtually to repeal the said Act.

That Silk goods, though duty free, are now subjected to entry: That all articles of haberdashery composed of silk are in the same predicament.

Likewise all descriptions of cattle, and beef and mutton, also hampers of game; viz. partridges or pheasants, the like sort being prohibited to be imported from foreign parts: That all these articles named, now go through the collector's and comptroller's offices, the customer's, the clerk of the Commissioners' check-book, the accountant generals and the examinators of customs: That Your Memorialist had hoped, that the expense, the trouble, and the delay attendant upon the Long Room business would have been confined to articles paying duty; on the contary, the Cross Channel trade suffers impediments now which did not before exist, and the said Warrant repeals, not only the Act relating to corn, but the Act of 1, 2, 4 Geo. 4. c. 19. which directs, that all Goods not subject to duty or entitled to drawback, shall be allowed to pass under Coast regulations; viz. by sufferance without entry: Your Memorialist shows, that the Act of 4 Geo. 4. c. 72. has not been followed by the Warrant: That Act merely requires an entry on goods subject to duty, and on goods prohibited to be imported from foreign parts; that is, on goods permitted to be warehoused, but not suffered to go into home consumption. Your Memorialist submits, that there is nothing in the Act requiring an entry on British Goods of a sort the like of which is prohibited to be imported from foreign parts; it is true, there is a power given to Your Lordships to direct the mode and manner of making entries, but not to enable Your Lordships to require an entry when the same had been dispensed with by two Acts of Parliament. Your Memorialist begs to submit to Your Lordships the mode of passing Goods by sufferance, at present adopted; on a request note to the collector, a sufferance and duplicate is granted, and the exporter on said sufferance and duplicate indorses the description and quantity of Goods shipped, the truth of which is certified by the coast waiter, who retains the duplicate as a record, at the port of exportation. The sufferances are all numbered, and with a transire, accompany the ship. On the arrival of the ship, the sufferances are sent at once to the coast waiter, by the collector, which coast waiter takes care that the Goods landed corresponds with the quantity certified to have been shipped, and the importer goes at once to the vessel where the coast waiter and sufferances are, without attending at all in the Long Room: Now Your Memorialist submits, that the passing duty free Goods by sufferance, is just as efficient a mode against fraud, and not the less so for being simple, as the more complicated mode of passing an Entry, and requiring infinitely a less number of officers to transact the business. Your Memorialist therefore hopes, that Your Lordships will amend Your Warrant, by following the Act of Geo. 4. c. 72. and not require an Entry, but on Goods which, at the time of importation from one country to the other, are subject to duty, and to Goods prohibited to be imported from foreign parts, that is, to Goods which may be warehoused, but are not permitted to go into home consumption.

(signed) *Thomas Williams*,
50. L^r Sackville-street,
Dublin, March 7, 1824.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, 22d March 1824. } *J. C. Herries.*

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